

Remarks:

Applicant has studied the pending Office Action, and has amended the claims to distinctively claim the subject matter of the invention.

By virtue of this amendment, claims 1, 3, 16, 21 and 29 are amended; claims 2, 17 and 30 are cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 3-16, 18-29, 31-33 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added. Support for the claims and the amendments is found within the specification and the drawings. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to claims 2, 18 and 30, but noted that if each was rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim, it would be allowable. Claims 1, 16 and 29 have been amended to include the limitations cited in claims 2, 17 and 30, respectively.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 16 and 29, as amended, incorporate the limitations of claim 2, 17 and 30, respectively, and therefore should be in condition for allowance. Claims 3-15, 18-28 and 31-33, respectively depending on claims 1, 16 and 29 should also be in condition for allowance by the virtue of depending from allowable base claims. The applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended put the application in condition for allowance.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have expressly argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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